

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15-33, 45 and 49-51 are pending in this application. All pending claims have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-27 of copending application No. 10/800,409 and over claims 1-31 of copending application No. 10/820,525.

Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer over the '409 and '525 applications with this response. As noted in the Action, a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome a rejection based on non-statutory double patenting.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below. If it is determined that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. NOVLP094).

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